GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5309
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PROCUREMENT OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India seeks cooperation from the State Government agencies in procurement of foodgrains;

(b) if so, whether payment is made to them for their cooperation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the States of Punjab and Haryana are protesting against the rate fixed for the said payment;

(e) if so, the reasons therefore;

(f) whether the Government have taken any initiative to resolve this issue by mediating between them; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a),(b) & (c) : Food Corporation of India (FCI) and State Government/Agencies procure foodgrains in cooperation with each other.The procurements are made by the State Governments and their Agencies on behalf of FCI and thestocks are handed over to the FCI for Central Pool in respect of wheat. So far as paddy is concerned, the State Governments/Agencies procure paddy on behalf of FCI and convert into rice after milling and hand over the custom milled rice to FCI for the Central Pool.For these services, they are paid in the form of incidentals fixed by the Government of India.

(d),(e),(f) & (g) : Some representations have been received from the State Governments, and further information has been called for from the State Governments to assess their claims.